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To: Maricopa County Cities and Towns
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Subject: Preliminary Jail Per Diem Billing Rates for FY 2015-16

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide the **preliminary** Jail Per Diem Billing Rates for FY 2015-16. The following table illustrates the preliminary Jail Per Diem Rates that will be effective July 1, 2015. As recommended by the MAG Incarceration of Municipal Prisoners Stakeholders Group in February 2008, Maricopa County will provide the preliminary and final jail per diem rates as early as possible during the fiscal year to assist in the budget planning process.

Jail Per Diem Rates	**FY 2015-16**	FY 2014-15	Difference	Percent
Housing Rate	**$ 85.49**	$ 81.85	$ 3.64	4.4%
Booking Rate	**$ 285.94**	$ 266.41	$ 19.53	7.3%

The allocation methodology for the FY 2015-16 rate calculation remains unchanged from the comprehensive jail per diem rate study that was performed by MGT of America, Inc. (MGT). MGT is the consulting company that extensively reviewed the methodology used to provide the jail rates for the FY 2012-13 and FY 2013-14 budget years which are published at the following link: http://www.maricopa.gov/finance/per%20diem%20pub.aspx

The FY 2015-16 booking and housing per diem rates are based on the FY 2014-15 budgeted direct and indirect costs for the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) and Correctional Health Services (CHS). MCSO and CHS budgeted costs used to derive the housing and booking rates increased by $9.2 million or 3.4%.

Analysis provided by MCSO identified increases in costs that are primarily the result of the following:

- Retention Pay Plan increase of 2.5% (average) for detention staff totaling $12.1 million.
- Increase of 35 detention officers in the Inmate Medical Services division totaling $2.0 million.

Any questions regarding the Detention Facilities and the Jail Management System (JMS) can be addressed to Lee Ann Bohn, Chief Financial Officer, at L_Bohn@MCSO.Maricopa.gov, or 602-876-7891.

Analysis provided by CHS identified increases in costs that are primarily the result of the following:

- Retention Pay Plan increase of 2.5% (average) for CHS staff totaling $1.5 million.
- Increase in intake staffing totaling $1.0 million. This restructure of registered nurse staffing will decrease processing time at intake, thereby reducing booking process time for city law enforcement officers.

Any questions regarding Correctional Health Services can be addressed to Lisa Gardner, Finance Manager, at L_Gardner@mail.maricopa.gov or 602-506-1070.

An additional factor contributing to the increase in the booking rate is a reduction in the number of bookings of 1,536 or (1.04%), causing a $4.08 increase in the booking rate. The number of bookings is used as the denominator in calculating the rate, resulting in an increase in the booking rate as the number of bookings decrease.

Maricopa County will provide the final jail per diem rates by February 1, 2015, and will be published at the following location: http://www.maricopa.gov/finance/per%20diem%20pub.aspx.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (602) 506-3561 or email me at sscharba@mail.maricopa.gov.

c: City/Town Manager